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Summary

The Commission reviewed the ongoing work of groups of countries and international organizations in various fields of demographic, social, economic and environmental statistics and on certain cross-cutting issues in statistics. The Commission:

(a) Approved actions taken by the United Nations Statistics Division to support population and housing censuses to be undertaken by countries between 2005 and 2014;

(b) Requested the World Health Organization to strengthen the coordination of its statistical programme with those of international organizations and countries and to continue to improve the rigour of the methods used to generate statistics for its *World Health Report*;

(c) Recommended that the United Nations Statistics Division examine the possibility of collecting data on quarterly national accounts in addition to annual national accounts;

(d) Welcomed the publication by the International Monetary Fund of the *Government Finance Statistics Manual 2001* and endorsed IMF efforts to publish companion materials on the web over time;

(e) Recognized that the World Bank had made considerable progress in developing an overall strategy for the implementation of a global ICP; supported that implementation as soon as possible but within a time frame that allowed for high-quality data to be produced; and endorsed the selection of the World Bank as the most appropriate location for the international secretariat for the global coordination and management of the programme;

(f) Emphasized that the revised Integrated Environmental and Economic Accounting (SEEA) handbook should be published as soon as possible, incorporating the changes to the draft that had been specified by the Friends of the Chair;

(g) Reaffirmed the practical guidelines for good practices in technical cooperation in statistics, which it had endorsed at its thirtieth session in 1999, in particular the need for technical cooperation activities to be demand oriented and not donor driven, nationally owned and tailored to local needs, and effectively coordinated;

(h) Endorsed a work programme leading to the revision of the Central Product Classification and the International Standard Industrial Classification of All Economic Activities (ISIC) in 2007, and welcomed the proposed changes in the convergence process for the General Industrial Classification of Economic Activities within the European Communities and the North American Industry Classification System, which would allow for greater integration of that work into the ISIC revision process;

(i) Noted that the collection and maintenance of metadata was a labour-intensive exercise and that there was a need for collaboration among international organizations in order to avoid duplication in the reporting of metadata; and called for convergence between the General Data Dissemination System and indicator frameworks currently being developed as well as a convergence of the respective technical cooperation support activities;

(j) Recognized e-commerce as an emerging phenomenon of significant potential economic and social impact which required measurement, and took note of

the work being undertaken to define and measure e-commerce in a number of countries, the problems involved, observations concerning the need to produce not only timely but good quality statistics and the importance of integrating such considerations into policy formulation;

(k) Endorsed the recommendations of the Friends of the Chair concerning indicators, in particular the recommendation to establish a standing committee for indicators, with the United Nations Statistics Division as the secretariat; considered that further harmonization and rationalization of indicators was needed, in particular with respect to the millennium development goals indicator set; and agreed that the report of the Friends of the Chair should be submitted to the Economic and Social Council with the concerns voiced by the Commission with respect to the relationship between the various indicator sets, including the millennium development goals indicators;

(l) Expressed appreciation for the improved quality of statistics in the *Human Development Report* of the United Nations Development Programme, but noted that further improvements were still needed;

(m) Welcomed the finalization of the *Handbook of Statistical Organization: The Operation and Organization of a Statistical Agency* and the interest expressed by countries and organizations in translating the *Handbook* into all the official languages of the United Nations;

(n) Agreed that the actions outlined in response to policy decisions of the Economic and Social Council were consistent with the Council's requests and adequately reflected the relevant work being undertaken and planned by the Statistical Commission and the United Nations Statistics Division;

(o) Reaffirmed the importance of the Division's established print, electronic and Internet publications, and supported its commitment to establish statistical databases accessible through the Internet;

(p) Welcomed the interim results of the inquiry into the instances of duplication of statistical data collection that countries had identified and the intention of the involved organizations to complete their follow-up of all the instances cited; stressed the need for international organizations to strengthen the coordination of their statistical activities; and requested the international organizations to develop a new system for effective coordination given that the ACC Subcommittee on Statistical Activities had been disbanded as at 31 December 2001;

(q) Noted the programme of expert group meetings and training workshops proposed by the United Nations Statistics Division for 2002 and 2003, and endorsed the priorities set for the Division for the next year, namely, on millennium development goals indicators, the implementation of SEEA, a comprehensive review of data quality and timeliness, determination of the scope for social statistics activities, and the statistical capacity-building undertaken and planned under the Development Account and the regular programme for technical cooperation;

(r) Noted the affirmation by the Economic and Social Council in its resolution 2000/27 of the importance of national efforts for building statistical capacity, and considered that regional programmes of statistics should have a strong element of capacity-building; considered that regional programmes of statistics should focus on priority areas of the countries in the region; emphasized that there should be recognition at the regional level of the links with global statistical

programmes so that regional and global programmes complemented each other; and considered that governance arrangements at the regional level should be prominent within the respective regional conference structures;

(s) The Commission also noted or gave direction to work of the Paris Group on Labour and Compensation, the Rio Group on Poverty Statistics, the Siena Group for Social Statistics, the Washington Group on Disability Measurement, the Round Table on Business Survey Frames, the Ottawa Group on Price Indexes, the Intersecretariat Working Group on Price Statistics, the Delhi Group on Informal Sector Statistics, the Voorburg Group on Service Statistics, the London Group on Environmental Accounting, the Steering Committee of the Partnership in Statistics for Development in the Twenty-first Century and the Task Force on Statistical Data and Metadata Exchange.

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Chapter I
Matters calling for action by the Economic and Social Council or brought to its attention

A. Draft decision

1. The Statistical Commission recommends to the Economic and Social Council the adoption of the following draft decision:

Report of the Statistical Commission on its thirty-third session and provisional agenda and documentation for the thirty-forth session of the Statistical Commission

The Economic and Social Council:

(a) Takes note of the report of the Statistical Commission on its thirty-third session;

(b) Decides that the thirty-fourth session of the Commission shall be held in New York from 4 to 7 March 2003;

(c) Approves the provisional agenda and documentation for the thirty-fourth session of the Commission as set out below.

Provisional agenda and documentation for the thirty-fourth session of the Statistical Commission

1. Election of officers.
2. Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters.

Documentation

Provisional agenda and annotations

Note by the Secretariat on the organization of the work of the session

Note by the Secretariat on the state of preparation of documentation for the session

3. Demographic and social statistics:

(a) Population and housing censuses;

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General

(b) Health statistics;

Documentation

Report of the World Health Organization

(c) Social statistics;

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General

(d) Statistics of drugs and drug use;

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General

(e) Time-use statistics;

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General

(f) Washington Group on Disability Measurement.

Documentation

Report of the Washington Group

4. Economic statistics:

(a) National accounts;

Documentation

Report of the Task Force on National Accounts

(b) Agriculture statistics;

Documentation

Report of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations

(c) Energy statistics;

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General

(d) International trade statistics;

Documentation

Report of the Task Force on International Trade Statistics

(e) Statistics of international trade in services;

Documentation

Report of the Task Force on Statistics of International Trade in Services

(f) Statistics of services (programme review);

Documentation

Report of the programme reviewer

(g) Tourism statistics;

Documentation

Report of the World Tourism Organization

(h) Finance statistics;

Documentation

Report of the Task Force on Finance Statistics

(i) International Comparison Programme;

Documentation

Report of the World Bank

(j) Ottawa Group on Price Indexes;

Documentation

Report of the Ottawa Group

(k) Intersecretariat Working Group on Price Statistics.

Documentation

Report of the Working Group

5. Natural resources and environment statistics: environment statistics and environmental accounting.

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General

Report of the London Group on Environmental Accounting

6. Activities not classified by field:

(a) Coordination and integration of statistical programmes:

(i) General coordination;

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General

(ii) Coordination of statistical data collection;

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General

(b) Programme questions (United Nations Statistics Division);

Documentation

Note by the Secretariat on the proposed programme of work of the Division for the biennium 2004-2005

(c) Management issues in national statistical offices;

(d) International economic and social classifications;

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General

(e) Methodological development — integrated presentation;

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General

(f) Harmonization of indicators;

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General

(g) Statistical capacity-building;

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General

Report of the Steering Committee of the Partnership in Statistics for Development in the Twenty-first Century

(h) Problems in the implementation of the fundamental principles of official statistics;

(i) Follow-up to Economic and Social Council policy decisions.

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General

7. Provisional agenda and dates for the thirty-fifth session of the Commission.

8. Report of the Commission on its thirty-fourth session.

B. Matters brought to the attention of the Council

2. The attention of the Council is drawn to the decisions and recommendations of the Commission (see paras. 5, 8, 11, 12, 15, 18, 21, 24, 27, 30, 33, 36, 39, 42, 45, 48, 51, 54, 57, 60, 63, 66, 69, 71, 74, 77, 83, 86, 88, 91 and 93).

Chapter II
Demographic and social statistics

A. Population and housing censuses

3. The Commission considered item 3 (a) of its agenda at its 1st meeting, on 5 March 2002. It had before it the report of the Secretary-General (E/CN.3/2002/2).

4. At the 1st meeting, on 5 March, the representative of the United Nations Statistics Division made an introductory statement.

Action taken by the Commission

5. The Commission:

(a) Welcomed the report of the Secretary-General and endorsed the activities proposed in paragraphs 15 to 18 of the report;

(b) Expressed the need to carry out the following additional activities:

(i) Organize a follow-up symposium on the experience of the 2000 round of censuses in 2004 (the end of the current census decade) to focus on plans for the 2010 census decade (2005-2014);

(ii) Review the current *Principles and Recommendations for Population and Housing Censuses, Revision 1* and prepare a supplementary annex, based on lessons learned from national experience, on, inter alia, elaborating and updating the organization of census publicity, developing census laws, and undertaking census related activities during the inter-censal period;

(iii) Explore the possibility of producing reports on combining the use of administrative records and census data; the use of censuses for monitoring small areas, human settlements, in particular slums; and the use of censuses to measure migration;

(iv) Organize discussion groups on the future role of censuses (recognizing the important role that censuses have in the preparation of development strategies), and review approaches to and the underlying philosophy of censuses and how they have changed over time;

(v) Organize workshops to consider census approaches in the changing environments of technology, civil participation and public concerns for confidentiality and privacy, and challenges from those who use census data for non-statistical purposes;

(vi) Support countries in the use of digitized mapping techniques for enumeration and dissemination and linking them with other sources of data, while striking a realistic balance between available resources and use of new and emerging technologies;

(vii) Continue technical cooperation, especially in the areas of adopting new technologies to effectively conduct censuses;

(viii) Explore the use of the Internet in future census enumeration and dissemination, where feasible; use of technological developments; policies on making available microdata to users; and providing metadata on quality of census information;

(ix) Address concerns regarding census costs while also assuring the quality and value of census information;

(x) Review a minimum and essential list of census topics, based on uniform concepts, for which data can be produced and supplied by national census offices in the shortest possible time, taking into account international comparability and recommendations;

(c) Recognized that within existing resources it would not be possible for the United Nations Statistics Division to address all those issues, and requested the Division to report to the Commission at its thirty-fourth session on the extent to which it had been able to incorporate the above-mentioned actions into its work programme.

B. Paris Group on Labour and Compensation

6. The Commission considered item 3 (b) of its agenda at its 1st meeting, on 5 March 2002. It had before it a note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Paris Group (E/CN.3/2002/3).

7. At the 1st meeting, on 5 March, the representative of France, on behalf of the Paris Group, made an introductory statement.

Action taken by the Commission

8. The Commission noted the work of the Paris Group, including the steps being taken to plan future work.

C. Health statistics

9. The Commission considered item 3 (c) of its agenda at its 1st meeting, on 5 March 2002. It had before it a background document prepared by the World Health Organization (WHO).

10. At the 1st meeting, on 5 March, the representative of WHO made an introductory statement.

Action taken by the Commission

11. The Commission welcomed the WHO report, with specific references to levels and inequalities of health, health system performance, national health accounts, coverage of health systems interventions and the family of international classifications for health statistics.

12. The Commission:

(a) Requested WHO to:

(i) Strengthen coordination of its statistical programme with the statistical work of the involved international organizations and countries;

(ii) Continue to improve the rigour of the methods used to generate statistics for the *World Health Report*;

(iii) Hold further consultations with countries on methodology for the *World Health Survey*;

(iv) Improve coordination and intensify consultation with interested countries and concerned organizations on developing a system of health statistics, before launching the *World Health Survey*;

(b) Noted that WHO considered the vital registration system to be the preferred source for death statistics and emphasized the importance of supporting improved vital registration systems;

(c) Requested that the item of health statistics be included on the agenda at its thirty-fourth session.

D. Rio Group on Poverty Statistics

13. The Commission considered item 3 (d) of its agenda at its 1st meeting, on 5 March 2002. It had before it a note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Rio Group (E/CN.3/2002/5).

14. At the 1st meeting, on 5 March, the representatives of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean and the representative of Brazil made introductory statements.

Action taken by the Commission

15. The Commission:

(a) Endorsed the work programme of the Rio Group in measuring poverty and its quantification;

(b) Encouraged the Rio Group to produce a compendium on poverty measurement after making wider consultations with countries in order to make sure that it was of use to those most in need;

(c) Advised that efforts be made to include wide regional representation in the Rio Group in order

to widen the exchange of experience and promote possibilities for international comparison.

E. Siena Group for Social Statistics

16. The Commission considered item 3 (e) of its agenda at its 1st meeting, on 5 March 2002. It had before it the following documents:

(a) Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Siena Group (E/CN.3/2002/6);

(b) Background document on strategy and goals for the short and medium terms.

17. At the 1st meeting, on 5 March, the representative of the Netherlands, on behalf of the Siena Group, made an introductory statement

Action taken by the Commission

18. The Commission:

(a) Welcomed the proposal by the Siena Group to hold a meeting in the second half of 2002, and its plans to consider a range of topical issues in social statistics that had hitherto been less developed in comparison with economic statistics;

(b) Recognized the need for a more systematic development of social statistics;

(c) Urged the Siena Group to proceed in a focused manner and to set priorities and deadlines in its work.

F. Washington Group on Disability Measurement

19. The Commission considered item 3 (f) of its agenda at its 2nd meeting, on 5 March 2002. It had before it a note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Washington Group (E/CN.3/2002/7).

20. At the 2nd meeting, on 5 March, the representative of the United States, on behalf of the Washington Group, made an introductory statement.

Action taken by the Commission

21. The Commission:

(a) Welcomed the formation of the Washington Group and endorsed its programme, noting:

(i) The need for standard instruments and comparable indicators on disability;

(ii) The relevance of its work to the wider area of social integration and exclusion;

(iii) The importance of validating and reconciling data collected by different organizations;

(b) Took note of the newly approved World Health Organization *International Classification of Functioning, Disability and Health* and welcomed the initiative of the Washington Group to use the *Classification* as a framework for the development of statistics on disability.

Chapter III
Economic statistics

A. National accounts

22. The Commission considered item 4 (a) of its agenda at its 2nd meeting, on 5 March 2002. It had before it a note by the Secretary-General the report of the Task Force on National Accounts (E/CN.3/2002/8 and Add.1).

23. At the 2nd meeting, on 5 March, the representative of the International Monetary Fund (IMF) and current Chairman of the Intersecretarial Working Group on National Accounts (ISWGNA), as well as the representative of the United Nations Statistics Division, made introductory statements.

Action taken by the Commission

24. The Commission:

(a) Welcomed and endorsed the proposed creation of an advisory expert group to the ISWGNA, and recommended that (i) the group should especially anticipate and focus on new and emerging methodological issues; (ii) the composition of such a group might vary by subject in order to ensure the participation of the best national and international

experts in each subject discussed; and (iii) clear tasks, working procedures and outputs should be established;

(b) Supported the proposal to reconvene the Canberra Group on Capital Stock Statistics to undertake research on intangible assets, and suggested that the Group be composed of experts with relevant expertise;

(c) Welcomed and endorsed the proposals for strengthening the work of the electronic discussion groups;

(d) Recognized that the conceptual compliance questionnaire was suitable for assessing the status of conceptual implementation of the *System of National Accounts, 1993* (1993 SNA) and recommended that the questionnaire indicate the priorities of the various questions included;

(e) Recommended that the United Nations Statistics Division examine the possibility of collecting, in addition to annual data, also data on quarterly national accounts. This data should be provided by countries and published by the Division through the Internet, while duplication of data collection should be avoided by taking into account the work by other international organizations;

(f) Welcomed the publication of the *Handbook on Non-profit Institutions in the System of National Accounts* and endorsed the proposed plan for its implementation.

B. Round Table on Business Survey Frames

25. The Commission considered item 4 (b) of its agenda at its 3rd meeting, on 6 March 2002. It had before it a note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Round Table (E/CN.3/2002/9).

26. At the 3rd meeting, on 6 March, the representative of Canada made an introductory statement.

Action taken by the Commission

27. The Commission took note of the work programme accomplished by the Round Table and its future plans.

C. Government finance statistics

28. The Commission considered item 4 (c) of its agenda at its 2nd meeting, on 5 March 2002. It had before it a note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of IMF on the relationship between government finance statistics and the *System of National Accounts, 1993*, and methods of implementing the *Government Finance Statistics Manual 2001* (E/CN.3/2002/10).

29. At the 2nd meeting, on 5 March, the representative of IMF made an introductory statement.

Action taken by the Commission

30. The Commission:

(a) Welcomed the publication by IMF of the *Government Finance Statistics Manual 2001*;

(b) Endorsed IMF efforts to publish companion materials on the web over a period of time, including a compilation guide in order to assist countries in clarifying conceptual issues and sharing country experience in the implementation of the *Manual*.

D. International Comparison Programme

31. The Commission considered item 4 (d) of its agenda at its 2nd and 3rd meetings, on 5 and 6 March 2002. It had before it the following documents:

(a) Note by the Secretary-General transmitting a report prepared by the World Bank on the International Comparison Programme (ICP) (E/CN.3/2002/11);

(b) Background document on the update of the World Bank report on ICP, February 2002.

32. At the 2nd meeting, on 5 March, the representative of the World Bank made an introductory statement.

Action taken by the Commission

33. The Commission:

(a) Welcomed the work of the World Bank and recognized that the Bank's efforts have led to considerable progress in developing an overall approach and strategy for the implementation of a global ICP;

(b) Supported moving ahead as soon as possible but in a time frame that allowed the need for high-quality data to be produced;

(c) While supporting the first option for implementation, stressed, however, that (i) a balanced approach was needed between the geographic coverage and scope of aggregates, on the one hand, and the credibility, quality and timeliness of results on the other, and (ii) consideration should be given at the first stage to giving first priority to collecting purchasing power parity data on consumption items in order to successfully re-establish confidence in purchasing power parity data;

(d) Endorsed the selection of the World Bank as the most appropriate location for the international secretariat for the global coordination and management of ICP;

(e) Extended the term of the existing Friends of the Chair group until the establishment of an international governing body;

(f) Supported the arrangements for regional management and welcomed statements that countries were committed to participate and were ready to move ahead with preparations;

(g) Stressed the potential capacity-building capability of ICP in developing countries;

(h) Agreed that the financial and in-kind support already secured as a result of fund-raising activities of the World Bank should provide adequate resources to launch the new round. It expressed concern, however, that a long-term vision for the ongoing funding and institutionalization of the global ICP had still not been clearly articulated.

E. Ottawa Group on Price Indexes

34. The Commission considered item 4 (e) of its agenda at its 3rd meeting, on 6 March 2002. It had before it a note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Ottawa Group (E/CN.3/2002/12).

35. At the 3rd meeting, on 6 March, the representative of Canada made an introductory statement.

Action taken by the Commission

36. The Commission:

(a) Noted with appreciation the work done by the Ottawa Group and the recommendations made at its meeting held in 2001;

(b) Expressed continued support for the planned future activities of the Ottawa Group.

F. Intersecretariat Working Group on Price Statistics

37. The Commission considered item 4 (f) of its agenda at its 3rd meeting, on 6 March 2002. It had before it a note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Working Group (E/CN.3/2002/13).

38. At the 3rd meeting, on 6 March, the representatives of the International Labour Organization and IMF made introductory statements.

Action taken by the Commission

39. The Commission:

(a) Welcomed the progress in the preparation of the consumer price indices (CPI) manual. It noted with satisfaction that the technical discussions had resulted in a balanced structure of the manual between theoretical and practical parts;

(b) Stressed the importance of consultations with developing countries to take their needs into account in the CPI manual. To that end, it encouraged the organization of regional workshops, resources permitting, to build on the experience and address the needs of developing countries;

(c) Acknowledged cooperation with the Ottawa Group in the revision process;

(d) Recognized the efforts of the technical expert group on producer price indices (PPI) to finalize the draft of the PPI manual and to ensure its structural consistency with the CPI manual;

(e) Noted that the work on the manuals was reaching completion and welcomed the announced publication plan (CPI manual — end of 2002, PPI manual — early 2003).

G. Delhi Group on Informal Sector Statistics

40. The Commission considered item 4 (g) of its agenda at its 3rd meeting, on 6 March 2002. It had before it a note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Delhi Group (E/CN.3/2002/14).

41. At the 3rd meeting, on 6 March, the representative of India made an introductory statement.

Action taken by the Commission

42. The Commission:

(a) Took note of the report of the Delhi Group;

(b) Supported the planned activities of the Delhi Group, emphasizing that both the conceptual and data-collection aspects in the informal sector needed to be studied;

(c) Welcomed offers from Commission members to share experience with the Delhi Group;

(d) Encouraged the Delhi Group to involve more of the countries that had not so far participated in its meetings;

(e) Requested the Delhi Group to consider developing a manual on the informal sector.

H. Voorburg Group on Service Statistics

43. The Commission considered item 4 (h) of its agenda at its 3rd meeting, on 6 March 2002. It had before it a note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Voorburg Group (E/CN.3/2002/15).

44. At the 3rd meeting, on 6 March, the representative of Denmark made an introductory statement.

Action taken by the Commission

45. The Commission strongly endorsed the creation of a core set of priorities and a three-year plan defining the horizon of the work programme to include the following recommendations:

(a) Examination of whether the focus of the work programme should reflect the original mandate of developing and testing model surveys and producing price data related to the industries surveyed;

(b) Estimation of the rate at which the Voorburg Group could add to the existing set of service price data for industries covered in the model survey;

(c) Production of a draft strategy for the measurement of service sector activities that could be used as guidance for countries not currently involved in the Voorburg Group's work.

Chapter IV
Natural resources and environment statistics

46. The Commission considered item 5 of its agenda at its 3rd meeting, on 6 March 2002. It had before it a note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the London Group on Environmental Accounting (E/CN.3/2002/17), as well as background documents on the report of the Friends of the Chair and the report of an Extended London Group meeting held in Voorburg, the Netherlands from 7 to 11 May 2001.

47. At the 3rd meeting, on 6 March, the representatives of Canada and Norway made introductory statements.

Action taken by the Commission

48. The Commission endorsed the changes to the draft revised Integrated Environmental and Economic Accounting (SEEA) handbook as recommended by the Friends of the Chair. The Commission also:

(a) Thanked the Friends of the Chair for the work that they had done in bringing the matter to closure;

(b) Expressed its appreciation and approval of the work of Anne Harrison in the preparation of the revised SEEA handbook;

(c) Emphasized the need for the revised SEEA handbook to be published as soon as possible;

(d) Welcomed the offer of Statistics Canada to provide technical support to implement the changes specified by the Friends of the Chair;

(e) Recommended the creation of an editorial oversight board comprised of policy-level representatives from the publishing institutions;

(f) Requested that the Chair of the Friends of the Chair, Svein Longva of Statistics Norway, continue to remain involved, as needed, in the finalization of the revised handbook;

(g) Welcomed the proposal of the London Group to continue work on the development of methodological and practical handbooks to assist in the implementation of environmental-economic accounts.

Chapter V
Statistical capacity-building

49. The Commission considered item 6 of its agenda at its 4th meeting, on 6 March 2002. It had before it the report of the Secretary-General (E/CN.3/2002/18) and a note by the Secretary-General transmitting the annual report of the Steering Committee of the Partnership in Statistics for Development in the Twenty-first Century (PARIS 21) (E/CN.3/2002/19).

50. At the 4th meeting, on 6 March, the Chief of the Statistical Development Analysis Section of the United Nations Statistics Division introduced the report of the Secretary-General, and the representative of the PARIS 21 secretariat in the Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) introduced the report of the Steering Committee.

Action taken by the Commission

51. The Commission:

(a) Emphasized the importance of statistical capacity-building and stressed that statistical capacity-building efforts and related technical cooperation activities need to be embedded within the national framework of development policies;

(b) Emphasized the need to build the demand for statistics in order to secure sufficient national resources to build and sustain statistical capacity. The Commission agreed that to accomplish that objective a broad spectrum of the user community, including policy decision makers, mass media, research institutions, universities and the public at large, needed to be engaged. In this context, the Commission shared successful experience, such as the organization of high-profile and high-level user-producer policy seminars;

(c) Reaffirmed the practical guidelines for good practices in technical cooperation for statistics, which it had endorsed at its thirtieth session, in 1999, in particular the need for technical cooperation activities to be demand oriented and not donor driven, nationally owned, and tailored to the local needs as well as effectively coordinated between different providers. The Commission also stressed the importance of South-South cooperation and high profile peer reviews;

(d) Endorsed the continued implementation of the technical cooperation programme of the United Nations Statistics Division, especially in Africa. It particularly welcomed the Division's efforts to strengthen statistical organization, leadership and management by conducting regional workshops on the recently published *Handbook on the Operation and Organization of a Statistical Agency*;

(e) Noted the need to explicitly take into account the development of statistics to provide information on globalization issues and risk assessment;

(f) Emphasized the need to strengthen the regional training centres for statistical and demographic training;

(g) Observed that statistical capacity indicators. which are currently being developed by a PARIS 21 task force, will need to be adapted to country circumstances. They should also be presented to the Commission for review;

(h) Agreed that the PARIS 21 initiative provided a useful framework in which many of the issues raised above could be addressed. It welcomed in particular the regional approach taken by PARIS 21;

(i) Decided to include statistical capacity-building on the agenda of its next session.

Chapter VI
Activities not classified by field

A. International economic and social classifications

52. The Commission considered item 7 (a) of its agenda at its 4th meeting, on 6 March 2002. It had before it the following documents:

(a) Report of the Secretary-General (E/CN.3/2002/20);

(b) Note by the Secretary-General transmitting a report on the convergence of industrial classifications prepared under an agreement between Statistics Canada, the Office of Management and Budget of the United States of America and the Statistical Office of the European Communities (E/CN.3/2002/21);

(c) Background document providing full detail of the convergence scenario described in document E/CN.3/2002/21;

(d) Background document on the preliminary findings of the questionnaire on main issues for the revision of the International Standard Industrial Classification of All Economic Activities (ISIC) and the Central Product Classification (CPC) in 2007;

(e) Drafts of ISIC, Revision 3, and CPC, Version 1.1.

53. At the 4th meeting, on 6 March, the representative of the United Nations Statistics Division and the representative of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland made introductory statements.

Action taken by the Commission

54. The Commission:

(a) Welcomed the final drafts of the revised ISIC, Rev.3.1 and CPC, Version 1.1;

(b) Endorsed the work programme for the revision of ISIC and CPC in 2007;

(c) Supported the proposed approach to include countries in the revision process through questionnaires and regional meetings;

(d) Recommended that the ISIC revision process give priority to developing the high-level structure of the Classification;

(e) Welcomed the proposed changes in the General Industrial Classification of Economic Activities within the European Communities (NACE)-North American Industry Classification System (NAICS) convergence process, which would allow for greater integration of that work into the ISIC revision process, but stressed that the ISIC revision also had to consider the needs of a broader group of countries;

(f) Noted that the next step in the NACE-NAICS convergence process included more detailed elaboration by Canada, the European Union, Mexico and the United States of America of the modalities to be employed, and considered that those modalities should be defined so as to ensure during the whole convergence process wide and strong coordination between the working group on convergence and the Technical Subgroup of the Expert Group on International Economic and Social Classifications.

B. Special Data Dissemination Standard and General Data Dissemination System

55. The Commission considered item 7 (b) of its agenda at its 4th meeting, on 6 March 2002. It had before it a note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of IMF (E/CN.3/2002/22).

56. At the 4th meeting, on 6 March, the representative of IMF made an introductory statement.

Action taken by the Commission

57. The Commission:

(a) Noted that the collection and maintenance of metadata is a labour-intensive exercise, and that, there is thus need for collaboration among international organizations in order to avoid duplication in the reporting of metadata;

(b) Welcomed in that context IMF collaboration with the Statistical Office of the European Communities (Eurostat) in the area of frameworks for the assessment of data quality;

(c) Called for convergence between the General Data Dissemination System and indicator frameworks currently being developed as well as for a convergence of the respective technical cooperation support activities.

C. Common open standards for the exchange and sharing of data and metadata: Task Force on Statistical Data and Metadata Exchange initiative

58. The Commission considered item 7 (c) of its agenda at its 4th meeting, on 6 March 2002. It had before it a background document prepared by the Bank for International Settlements, the European Central Bank, IMF, OECD, Eurostat and the United Nations Statistical Division, entitled "Common open standards

for the exchange and sharing of socio-economic data and metadata: the SDMX initiative".

59. At the 4th meeting, on 6 March, the Director-General of Eurostat made an introductory statement.

Action taken by the Commission

60. The Commission endorsed the work and viewed it as a way to reduce the burden on countries in supplying data and metadata to international agencies.

D. Definition and measurement of e-commerce

61. The Commission considered item 7 (d) of its agenda at its 5th meeting, on 7 March 2002. It had before it a note by the Secretary-General transmitting the reports by the Australian Bureau of Statistics, Statistics Canada, the Hungarian Central Statistical Office, the Departamento Administrativo Nacional de Estadistica of Colombia and the Singapore Department of Statistics on developing statistics of e-commerce (E/CN.3/2002/24 and Add.1 and 2).

62. At the 5th meeting, on 7 March, the Coordinator of the Statistical Commission (United Nations Statistics Division) made an introductory statement.

Action taken by the Commission

63. The Commission:

(a) Recognized e-commerce as an emerging phenomenon of significant potential economic and social impact that required measurement;

(b) Took note of the work being undertaken to define and measure e-commerce in a number of countries, the problems involved, observations on the need to produce not only timely but good quality statistics, and the importance of integrating them into policy formulation;

(c) Deferred any decision on the establishment of a city group on the information society until the matter had been discussed in detail among the interested countries and a written proposal made to the Commission.

E. Coordination of development indicators

64. The Commission considered item 7 (e) of its agenda at its 5th meeting, on 7 March 2002. It had before it the following documents:

(a) Report of the Secretary-General on the harmonization of development indicators (E/CN.3/2002/25);

(b) Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Friends of the Chair of the Statistical Commission entitled "Report of the Friends of the Chair of the Statistical Commission on an assessment of the statistical indicators derived from United Nations summit meetings" (E/CN.3/2002/26);

(c) Background document entitled "Room document accompanying an assessment of the statistical indicators derived from United Nations summit meetings" (E/CN.3/2002/26), prepared by the Friends of the Chair;

(d) Background document entitled "Indicators on 'means of implementation'", consultancy report prepared by Pedro Sainz .

65. At the 5th meeting, on 7 March, the Chairman of the Friends of the Chair made an introductory statement.

Action taken by the Commission

66. The Commission:

(a) Welcomed the comprehensive report presented by the Friends of the Chair and commended Tim Holt for his leadership of the Friends of the Chair process. The Commission was particularly satisfied with the broad consultative process among member States undertaken by the Friends of the Chair. It welcomed the indicator architecture built on three tiers and the technical evaluations contained on the United Nations Statistics Division web site. It noted that further work to strengthen the web site was needed;

(b) Endorsed the recommendations made in the report, in particular recommendation No. 6 on establishing a standing committee for indicators, supported by the Division as the secretariat. That would enable the Commission and the regional and national statistics systems to remain engaged in a dialogue with international, regional and national policy makers, and in particular to be involved at an early stage in the future development of new indicators;

(c) Also agreed that further work on human rights and good governance indicators and on statistical capacity indicators was needed. In that context, the Commission noted that such activities should build on existing initiatives;

(d) Expressed the opinion that further harmonization and rationalization of indicators was needed, in particular with respect to the recent emergence of the millennium development goals indicator set. In that context, the Commission raised concerns that the development of the millennium development goals indicator set was a parallel process with insufficient country involvement that had not been coordinated with the current efforts of the Commission to follow up on Economic and Social Council resolutions concerning indicators;

(e) Agreed that the report of the Friends of the Chair should be submitted to the Economic and Social Council along with the concerns voiced by the Commission with respect to the relationship between the various indicator sets, including the millennium development goals indicators;

(f) Welcomed the report on means of implementation indicators and suggested that further work in that field was needed.

F. Meeting the needs for statistics of human development

67. The Commission considered item 7 (f) of its agenda at its 5th meeting, on 7 March 2002. It had before it a note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Human Development Report Office (HDRO) of the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) (E/CN.3/2002/27).

68. At the 5th meeting, on 7 March, the representative of UNDP made an introductory statement.

Action taken by the Commission

69. The Commission:

(a) Took note of a statement by the representative of HDRO about the needs of users of statistics of human development and about the improvements that had been made to the statistics in the *Human Development Report* over recent years. It was clear, however, that further improvements were needed, and in particular that there were data gaps that could only be filled by statistical capacity-building;

(b) Expressed appreciation for the improved quality of the *Report*'s statistics;

(c) Noted that whereas the *Report* was concerned with human development in all its aspects, the special themes (e.g., for 2002) sometimes referred to variables for which there were few statistics;

(d) Noted that for some countries, the data in the *Report* differed from those in national publications. In that regard, some countries proposed that HDRO make use of data supplied directly by national statistical offices. It was also noted, however, that HDRO, as a user rather than a producer of statistics and in order not to add to the reporting burden, obtained data from primary data collectors, such as the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization and the World Bank. Therefore, countries were invited to take up any data problems with the collecting agencies that supplied data to HDRO.

G. Handbook of Statistical Organization

70. The Commission considered item 7 (g) of its agenda at its 5th meeting, on 7 March 2002. At the same meeting, the Director of the United Nations Statistics Division informed the Commission that the United Nations Statistics Division had completed the *Handbook of Statistical Organization: The Operation and Organization of a Statistical Agency*. Copies of the final manuscript (currently being edited) were available as room documents.

Action taken by the Commission

71. The Commission:

(a) Welcomed the finalization of the *Handbook*;

(b) Welcomed the work being done by the Ministry of National Economy of Oman to translate the *Handbook* into Arabic, the Statistics Division of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC) to translate it into Spanish, the State Committee of the Russian Federation on Statistics to translate it into Russian, the Institut National de la Statistique et des Etudes Economiques to explore possibilities for translating it into French and the China

National Bureau of Statistics to explore possibilities for translating it into Chinese.

H. Dissemination of statistics by the United Nations Statistics Division

72. The Commission considered item 7 (h) of its agenda at its 5th meeting, on 7 March 2002. It had before it the report of the Secretary-General on the dissemination of statistics by the Division (E/CN.3/2002/28).

73. At the 5th meeting, on 7 March, the Chief of the Statistical Services Branch of the United Nations Statistics Division made an introductory statement.

Action taken by the Commission

74. The Commission:

(a) Welcomed the information contained in the report;

(b) Reaffirmed the importance of the established print, electronic and Internet publications programme for statistics of the United Nations Statistics Division;

(c) Supported the commitment of the Division to establish statistical databases in all the fields of its competence for Internet access.

I. Follow-up to Economic and Social Council policy decisions

75. The Commission considered item 7 (i) of its agenda at its 5th meeting, on 7 March 2002. It had before it a note by the Secretary-General on policy decisions of the Council that are relevant to the work of the Commission (E/CN.3/2002/L.5).

76. At the 5th meeting, on 7 March, the Coordinator of the Statistical Commission (United Nations Statistics Division) made a statement.

Action taken by the Commission

77. The Commission agreed that the actions outlined in the above-mentioned document were consistent with the Council's requests and adequately reflected the relevant work being undertaken and planned by the Commission and the United Nations Statistics Division.

J. Coordination and integration of statistical programmes

78. The Commission considered item 7 (j) of its agenda at its 5th meeting, on 7 March 2002. It had before it the following documents:

(a) Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the ACC Subcommittee on Statistical Activities on its thirty-fifth session, held in Vienna from 18 to 20 September 2001 (E/CN.3/2002/29);

(b) Report of the Secretary-General on coordination of statistical data collection from countries (E/CN.3/2002/30);

(c) Background document containing observations on issues related to the coordination of data collection from countries by international organizations and an interim report on problems identified by countries.

79. At the 5th meeting, on 7 March, the Director of the United Nations Statistics Division made an introductory statement.

Action taken by the Commission

80. The Commission:

(a) Welcomed the interim results of the inquiry into the instances of duplication of statistical data collection that countries had identified, and the intention of the involved organizations to complete their follow-up of all the instances cited;

(b) Welcomed the intention of the United Nations Statistics Division, working with all the member agencies of the former ACC Subcommittee on Statistical Activities, to develop proposals for consideration at the thirty-fourth session of the Commission on how to proceed more broadly and address more comprehensively the problem of the duplication of data collection;

(c) Stressed the need for international organizations to strengthen the coordination of their statistical activities;

(d) Requested the international organizations to develop a new system for effective coordination given that the ACC Subcommittee on Statistical Activities had been disbanded as at 31 December 2001.

K. Programme questions (United Nations Statistics Division)

81. The Commission considered item 7 (k) of its agenda at its 6th meeting, on 8 March. It had before it a note by the Secretariat on expert group meetings and workshops to be held by the Division in 2002/3 (E/CN.3/2002/CRP.1).

82. At the 6th meeting, on 8 March, the Director of the Division made an introductory statement.

Action taken by the Commission

83. The Commission noted the programme of expert group meetings and training workshops listed in the above-mentioned document, and endorsed the priorities set for the Division for the next year, namely, on millennium development goals indicators, the implementation of SEEA, a comprehensive review of data quality and timeliness, the scope for social statistics activities and the statistical capacity-building undertaken and planned under the Development Account and the regular programme for technical cooperation.

L. Situation of statistics in the regional commissions

84. The Commission considered item 7 (l) of its agenda at its 6th meeting, on 8 March 2002.

85. At the 6th meeting, on 7 March, the representatives of the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific, ECLAC, the Economic Commission for Europe and the Economic Commission for Africa made statements and informed the Commission about some important developments in the statistical work of the regional commissions.

Action taken by the Commission

86. The Commission:

(a) Noted the affirmation by the Economic and Social Council in its resolution 2000/27 of the importance of national efforts to build statistical capacity in all countries, including through statistical training, and of effective international statistical support in that context for developing countries, and considered that regional programmes of statistics should have a strong element of capacity-building;

(b) Considered that regional programmes of statistics should focus on particular priority areas tailored to the circumstances and needs of the countries in the region, but at the same time considered that a broad range of functions was necessary;

(c) Emphasized that there should be recognition at the regional level of the links with global statistical programmes so that regional and global programmes complemented each other in pursuing the priority concerns of member countries;

(d) Considered that governance arrangements at the regional level should be prominent within the respective regional conference structures, should cover a comprehensive range of statistics and should allow for the formulation of regional views on global statistical issues.

M. Problems in the implementation of the fundamental principles of official statistics

87. The Commission considered item 7 (m) of its agenda at its 6th meeting, on 8 March.

Action taken by the Commission

88. At the 6th meeting, on 8 March, following the proposal made by the representative of the United States, the Commission decided to defer consideration of this item to its thirty-fourth session.

Chapter VII
Provisional agenda and dates for the thirty-fourth session of the Commission

89. The Commission considered item 8 of its agenda at its 6th meeting, on 8 March. It had before it the following documents:

(a) Note by the Secretariat containing the provisional agenda and dates for the thirty-fourth session of the Commission (E/CN.3/2002/L.3);

(b) Note by the Secretary-General containing the draft multi-year programme of work for the Statistical Commission for 2002-2005 (E/CN.3/2002/L.4);

(c) Note by the Secretary-General on the activities of the functional commissions of the Economic and Social Council that are relevant to the work of the Statistical Commission (E/CN.3/2002/L.6).

90. At the 6th meeting, on 8 March, the representative of the United Nations Statistics Division made a statement and circulated an informal note, in English only, containing amendments to document E/CN.3/2002/L.3. Following statements by the representatives of the United States, the United Kingdom and Australia and the representative of the Division, the Commission approved the provisional agenda for the thirty-fourth session, as contained in the informal note, and the draft multi-year programme of work for the Statistical Commission for 2002-2005, as contained in document E/CN.3/2002/L.4.

Action taken by the Commission

91. The Commission:

(a) Approved the provisional agenda and documentation for its thirty-fourth session, as contained in the informal note (see chap. I, sect. A), subject to review and finalization by its Bureau. The Commission requested its Bureau to streamline the agenda to make it appropriate for the time assigned to the Commission, and to consider alternative ways for the Commission and Bureau to further improve their functioning;

(b) Recommended that its thirty-fourth session be held in New York from 4 to 7 March 2003;

(c) Approved the multi-year programme of work for the Statistical Commission for 2002-2005, as amended;

(d) Took note of the activities of the Commission for Population and Development and the Commission for Sustainable Development that were relevant to the work of the Statistical Commission (see E/CN.3/2002/L.6).

Chapter VIII
Adoption of the report of the Commission on its thirty-third session

92. At its 6th meeting, on 8 March, the Rapporteur introduced the draft report of the Commission (E/CN.3/2002/L.7) and four draft texts submitted in English only.

Action taken by the Commission

93. The Commission adopted the draft report and the four draft texts, and entrusted the Rapporteur, in consultation with the Secretariat, to finalize the report, taking into consideration any comments received from participants by Friday, 22 March 2002.

Chapter IX
Organization of the session

A. Opening and duration of the session

94. The Statistical Commission held its thirty-third session at United Nations Headquarters from 5 to 8 March 2002. The Commission held 6 meetings (1st to 6th).

95. The session was opened by the temporary Chairman, Gilberto Moncada (Peru).

B. Attendance

96. The session was attended by 23 States members of the Commission. Observers for other States Members of the United Nations and a non-member State, representatives of organizations of the United

Nations system and observers for intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations also attended. A list of participants is given in annex I to the present report.

C. Election of officers

97. At its 1st meeting, on 5 March, the Commission elected the following officers by acclamation:

Chairman:
Tamas Mellar (Hungary)

Vice-Chairmen:
Nicholas Karavitis (Greece)
Gilberto Moncada (Peru)
Kenichi Hirayama (Japan)

Rapporteur:
Pali Lehohla (South Africa)

D. Agenda and organization of work

98. At the 1st meeting, on 5 March, following a statement by the observer of Australia and the observer of Palestine, the Commission adopted the provisional agenda contained in document E/CN.3/2002/1 and Corr.1, as orally amended, as follows:

1. Election of officers.
2. Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters.
3. Demographic and social statistics:
   (a) Population and housing censuses;
   (b) Paris Group on Labour and Compensation;
   (c) Health statistics;
   (d) Rio Group on Poverty Statistics;
   (e) Siena Group for Social Statistics;
   (f) Washington Group on Disability Measurement.
4. Economic statistics:
   (a) National accounts;
   (b) Round Table on Business Survey Frames;
   (c) Government finance statistics;
   (d) International Comparison Programme;
   (e) Ottawa Group on Price Indexes;
   (f) Intersecretariat Working Group on Price Statistics;
   (g) Delhi Group on Informal Sector Statistics;
   (h) Voorburg Group on Service Statistics.
5. Natural resources and environment statistics.
6. Statistical capacity-building.
7. Activities not classified by field:
   (a) International economic and social classifications;
   (b) The Special Data Dissemination Standard and the General Data Dissemination System;
   (c) Common open standards for the exchange and sharing of data and metadata: the Task Force on Statistical Data and Metadata Exchange initiative;
   (d) Definition and measurement of e-commerce;
   (e) Coordination of development indicators;
   (f) Meeting the needs for statistics of human development;
   (g) Handbook of Statistical Organization;
   (h) Dissemination of statistics by the United Nations Statistics Division;
   (i) Follow-up to Economic and Social Council policy decisions;
   (j) Coordination and integration of statistical programmes;
   (k) Programme questions (United Nations Statistics Division);
   (l) The situation of statistics in the regional commissions;

(m) Problems in the implementation of the fundamental principles of official statistics.

8. Provisional agenda and dates for the thirty-fourth session of the Commission.

9. Report of the Commission on its thirty-third session.

99. At the same meeting, following a statement by the representative of the Statistics Division, the Commission approved the organization of the work of the session, as orally revised (E/CN.3/2002/L.1).

100. Also at the same meeting, the Commission agreed to the participation at this session of the following intergovernmental organizations: the Economic and Statistical Observatory of Sub-Saharan Africa and the Statistical, Economic and Social Research and Training Centre for Islamic Countries.

E. Documentation

101. The documents before the Commission at its thirty-third session are listed in annex II to the present report.

Annex I

Attendance

Members

Algeria	Abdallah Baali, Mourad Benmehidi, Mohamed Kelkoul, Belkacem Smaili
China	He Keng, Zheng Jingping, Wei Guixiang, Chen Quangen, Luk Chi-ming
Czech Republic	Marie Bohatá, Jan Procházka, Jana Simonová
Denmark	Ellen Maargrethe Loj, Jan Plovsing, Soren Andersen, Pia Starbaek Christensen
France	Jean-Louis Puig, Guillaume Mordant
Ghana	K. A. Twum-Baah, K. Addomah-Gyabaah
Greece	Nicholas Karavitis, Sophia Balla
Hungary	Tamás Mellár, Csabáné Bálint, Katalin Postáné Kiss, Orsolya Szenthe
India	B. K. Misra, A. Gopinathan, Vijay Thakur Singh
Jamaica	M. Patricia Durrant, Craig Lawrence, Richard Quarless
Japan	Kenichi Hirayama, Koji Hamada, Hiroyuki Kitada, Yutaka Mizutani, Keiichi Nakabayashi, Masakazu Kimura, Kenichi Takenaga, Naohiko Okuda, Masahiro Hosaka, Hisashi Yamada
Mexico	Gilberto Calvillo Vives, Francisco Javier Gutierrez, Jaime de la Llata
Morocco	Bouchaib Thich, Moulay Abdellah Sougrati
New Zealand	Brian Pink, Ian Ewing, Mark Ramsden
Pakistan	Abu Shamim M. Ariff, Asif Durrani
Peru	Gilberto Moncada, José Alberto Garcia Zanabria, Augusto Cabrera
Romania	Gabriel Jifcu, Ilie Dumitrescu, Ovidiu Ierulescu
Russian Federation	Vladimir L. Sokolin, Uyrly N. Isakov, Alexandr L. Kevesh, Boris S. Avramenko, S. A. Korneev, S. M. Lavrova, Andrei E. Kosarev, I. O. Gribok, Vladimir N. Zubkov
South Africa	Pali Jobo Lehohla, John Kahimbaara, Marthinus Van Schalkwyk
Spain	Inocencio F. Arias, Carmen Alcaide, Mariano Gómez Del Moral, José Antonio Isanta, Juan Fernández-Trigo

Uganda	Semakula Kiwanuka, Fred Beyendeza, E. Bwomono Olobo
United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	Len Cook, David Caplan, Tony Williams, Judy Legg
United States of America	Katherine K. Wallman, Suzann Evinger, J. Steven Landefeld, Jennifer H. Madans, Rosemary Marcuss, John Murphy, Katrina Reut, Richard Williams

States Members of the United Nations represented by observers

Argentina, Australia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Botswana, Brazil, Canada, Cuba, Dominican Republic, Estonia, Ethiopia, Finland, Germany, Guatemala, Islamic Republic of Iran, Israel, Italy, Lithuania, Mauritius, Netherlands, Nigeria, Norway, Oman, Portugal, Republic of Korea, Slovenia, Suriname, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia

Non-member States represented by observers

Switzerland

Entities maintaining permanent observer mission at the United Nations

Palestine

United Nations bodies

United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, United Nations Development Programme, United Nations Environment Programme, United Nations Population Fund, United Nations Human Settlements Programme, International Civil Service Commission, Economic Commission for Africa, Economic Commission for Europe, Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean, Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific, Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia

Specialized agencies and related organizations

International Labour Organization, Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, World Health Organization, World Bank, International Monetary Fund, United Nations Industrial Development Organization

Intergovernmental organizations

African Development Bank, Commonwealth of Independent States, Conference of European Statisticians, Conference of Statistics of the Americas, Economic and Statistical Observatory of Sub-Saharan Africa, European Commission, Organization of the Islamic Conference, Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development, Pan American Health Organization, Statistical, Economic and Social Research and Training Centre for Islamic Countries, Statistical Institute for Asia and the Pacific, Statistical Office of the European Communities, World Customs Organization

Non-governmental organization

International Statistical Institute

Annex II
List of documents

Document symbol	*Agenda item*	*Title or description*
E/CN.3/2002/1 and Corr.1	2	Provisional agenda and annotations
E/CN.3/2002/2	3 (a)	Report of the Secretary-General on the review of the 2000 World Population and Housing Census Programme and proposed plans of the United Nations Statistics Division for the next census decade (2005-2014)
E/CN.3/2002/3	3 (b)	Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Paris Group on Labour and Compensation
E/CN.3/2002/4	–	*Not issued*
E/CN.3/2002/5	3 (d)	Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Rio Group on Poverty Statistics
E/CN.3/2002/6	3 (e)	Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Siena Group for Social Statistics
E/CN.3/2002/7	3 (f)	Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Washington Group on Disability Measurement
E/CN.3/2002/8	4 (a)	Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Task Force on National Accounts
E/CN.3/2002/8/Add.1	4 (a)	*Addendum*: information note concerning the publication of the handbook on non-profit institutions in the System of National Accounts
E/CN.3/2002/9	4 (b)	Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Round Table on Business Survey Frames
E/CN.3/2002/10	4 (c)	Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the International Monetary Fund on the relationship between government finance statistics and the *System of National Accounts, 1993*, and methods of implementing the *Government Finance Statistics Manual 2001*
E/CN.3/2002/11	4 (d)	Note by the Secretary-General transmitting a report prepared by the World Bank on the International Comparison Programme
E/CN.3/2002/12	4 (e)	Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Ottawa Group on Price Indexes
E/CN.3/2002/12/Corr.1 (*Arabic only*)	4 (e)	*Corrigendum*
E/CN.3/2002/13	4 (f)	Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Intersecretariat Working Group on Price Statistics

Document symbol	*Agenda item*	*Title or description*
E/CN.3/2002/14	4 (g)	Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Delhi Group on Informal Sector Statistics
E/CN.3/2002/15	4 (h)	Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Voorburg Group on Service Statistics
E/CN.3/2002/16	–	*Not issued*
E/CN.3/2002/17	5	Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the London Group on Environmental Accounting
E/CN.3/2002/18	6	Report of the Secretary-General on statistical capacity-building
E/CN.3/2002/19	6	Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the annual report of the Steering Committee of the Partnership in Statistics for Development in the Twenty-first Century (PARIS 21)
E/CN.3/2002/20	7 (a)	Report of the Secretary-General on international economic and social classifications
E/CN.3/2002/21	7 (a)	Note by the Secretary-General transmitting a report on the convergence of industrial classifications prepared under an agreement between Statistics Canada, the Office of Management and Budget of the United States of America and the Statistical Office of the European Communities
E/CN.3/2002/22	7 (b)	Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the International Monetary Fund on the Special Data Dissemination Standard and the General Data Dissemination System
E/CN.3/2002/23	–	*Not issued*
E/CN.3/2002/24 and Add.1 and 2	7 (d)	Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the reports of the Australian Bureau of Statistics, Statistics Canada, the Hungarian Central Statistical Office, the Departamento Administrativo Nacional de Estadistica of Colombia and the Singapore Department of Statistics on developing statistics of e-commerce
E/CN.3/2002/25	7 (e)	Report of the Secretary-General on the harmonization of development indicators
E/CN.3/2002/26	7 (e)	Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Friends of the Chair of the Statistical Commission on an assessment of the statistical indicators derived from United Nations summit meetings
E/CN.3/2002/27	7 (f)	Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Human Development Report Office of the United Nations Development Programme
E/CN.3/2002/28	7 (h)	Report by the Secretary-General on the dissemination of statistics by the United Nations Statistics Division

Document symbol	*Agenda item*	*Title or description*
E/CN.3/2002/29	7 (j)	Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the ACC Subcommittee on Statistical Activities on its thirty-fifth session
E/CN.3/2002/30	7 (j)	Report of the Secretary-General on the coordination of statistical data collection from countries
E/CN.3/2002/CRP.1	7 (k)	Note by the Secretary-General on expert group meetings and workshops to be held by the United Nations Statistics Division in 2002/03
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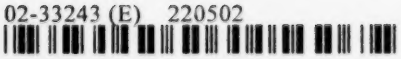

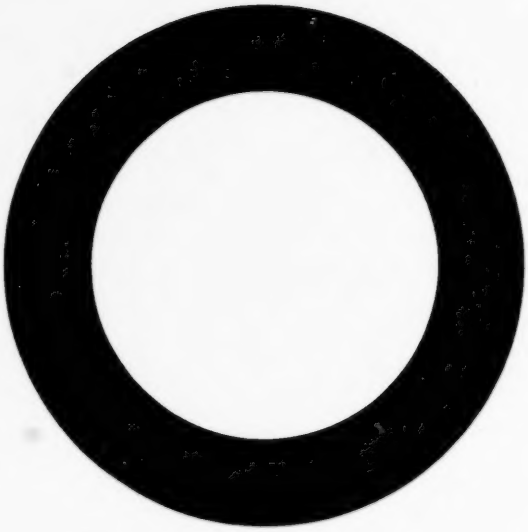

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